

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composite adsorbent comprising: a composite powder (c) which is composed of a particulate compound (a) and a plastic powder (b) adhered to the particulate compound (a); and at least one adsorptive substance (d) selected from the group consisting of powdery, particulate and fibrous substances.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A composite adsorbent comprising: a particulate compound (a); and at least one adsorptive substance (d) selected from the group consisting of powdery, particulate and fibrous substances; both the particulate compound (a) and at least one adsorptive substance (d) having a plastic powder (b) adhered thereto.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The composite adsorbent according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the particulate compound (a) is 200  $\mu\text{m}$  or less in mean particle diameter.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The composite adsorbent according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the particulate compound has an ion exchanging function.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The composite adsorbent according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the particulate compound is a titanosilicate-based compound.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The composite adsorbent according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the particulate compound is an aluminosilicate-based compound.

Claim 7 (Original): The composite adsorbent according to claim 1, wherein an adhesion quantity of the particulate compound is 50 to 95% by weight of the composite powder.

Claim 8 (Original): The composite adsorbent according to claim 2, wherein an adhesion quantity of the particulate compound is 1 to 20% by weight of the composite adsorbent.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The composite adsorbent according to ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the plastic powder (b) is thermoplastic resin.

Claim 10 (Original): The composite adsorbent according to claim 9, wherein a melt flow rate of the thermoplastic resin ranges from 0.02g/10 minutes to 40g/10 minutes.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The composite adsorbent according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein the thermoplastic resin is polyethylene.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The composite adsorbent according to ~~any of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1, wherein the adsorptive substance (d) is an activated carbon.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The composite adsorbent according to ~~any of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, wherein the composite adsorbent is a molded article.

Claim 14 (Original): A composite powder (c) comprising a particulate compound (a) and a plastic powder (b) adhered to the particulate compound (a).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a composite adsorbent, comprising ~~the steps of~~ muting a particulate compound and a plastic powder together; heating a resulting mixture beyond a melting point of the plastic powder; cooling the mixture; sieving the mixture and thereby making a composite powder; and mixing the composite powder with an adsorptive substance.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method for producing a composite adsorbent according to claim 15, further comprising ~~the step of~~ performing pressing and molding operations.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a composite adsorbent, comprising ~~the steps of~~ mixing a particulate compound, a plastic powder, and an adsorptive substance together; heating a resulting mixture beyond a melting point of the plastic powder; cooling the mixture; and crushing and sieving the mixture.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method for producing a composite adsorbent according to claim 17, further comprising ~~the step of~~ additionally mixing an adsorptive substance therewith.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A water purification material comprising the composite adsorbent according to ~~any of claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A water purifier ~~using~~ comprising the water purification material according to claim 19.